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An advisory against eating wood ducks, mallards and woodcock bagged in the Coosa River-Floyd County area has been issued by the Georgia's Board of Natural Resources (DNR).

Investigation by DNR shows that wood ducks, mallards and woodcock from this area have levels of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) that exceed the limit of five parts-per million (ppm) recommended by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

Jack Crockford, Director of the Department's Game and Fish Division, says "I am not surprised at these findings, in light of the PCB levels discovered in fish taken from streams in this area."

Crockford pointed out that "these birds are local, resident birds. The mallards, for example, are known to be part of a semi-domestic flock in that area."

Crockford stressed that the advisory does not apply to game birds in any other area of the state.

Other wildlife tested in the Coosa-Floyd area showed either trace amounts of PCB or the chemical was non-detectible. Among these species tested were squirrels, bullfrogs, beavers, rabbits, snakes and muskrats.

PCB at levels above the FDA limit of 5 ppm in the Coosa-Floyd area were:

Wood duck -- up to 11.42 ppm.

Mallard -- up to 11.67 ppm.

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